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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN MEDIA ACCUSE U.S. OF ANTI-PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN
IN AFRICA

1. SUMMARY. ALGERIAN MEDIA ARE OPENLY ACCUSING U.S. OF INVOLVE-
MENT IN VARIOUS CRISIS AREAS OF AFRICA THROUGH ITS WESTERN
EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN "PROTEGES". FOR LEADING GOVERNMENT
OWNED "EL-MOUDJAHID" AND FLN PARTY ORGAN "REVOLUTION
AFRICAIN", THIS INVOLVEMENT IS PART OF "IMPERIALIST
CAMPAIGN" AGAINST "PROGRESSIVE AND SOCIALIST STATES".
GOVERNMENT -OWNED "ASH-SHA'B" FOR ITS PART ALLEGES THAT
CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN IS DRAWING UP
"COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY" ALONG THESE LINES. END SUMMARY.

2. GOVERNMENT -OWNED ALGIERS ARABIC DAILY "ASH-SHA'B"
WRITES IN MAY 11 NEWS STORY ON CHIEFS OF MISSION
CONFERENCE: "IT CONTINUES IN COMPLETE SECRECY....
ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS FROM ABIDJAN, AMONG SUBJECTS
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BEING STUDIED IS FORMULATION OF COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY
TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS IN AFRICA BY CREATING
PERMANENT STATE OF INSTABILITY ON CONTINENT, STRIKING
AT PROGRESSIVE REGIMES, AND STRENGTHENING REACTIONARY
AND RACIST REGIMES."

3. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS FRENCH DAILY "EL-MOUDJA-

HID" WRITES IN MAY 11 EDITORIAL ENTITLES "IMPERIALIST OFFENSIVE": "NEW AFRICAN POLICY DRAWN UP BY KISSINGER AT TIME OF ANGOLAN CONFLICT CONSISTS OF PUTTING INTO PRACTICE ... AMERICA'S DESIRE TO PERPETUATE A CERTAIN DOMINATION IN WORLD... WITHOUT FALLING INTO TRAP OF DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION. WASHINGTON HAS 'BEQUEATHED' THIS HEAVY TASK TO CERTAIN REGIMES, MOST OFTEN TO EUROPEAN STATES WITH COLONIALIST 'VOCATION', BUT MORE AND MORE ALSO TO THIRD WORLD OLIGARCHIES."

4. "THESE 'SUB-GENDARMES' DO NOT HESITATE ... TO THROW THEMSELVES INTO MILITARY EXPEDITIONS AGAINST OTHER STATES. MOROCCAN ARMY ... HOLDS SAD RECORD OF FOREIGN ADVENTURES WHOSE OCCURRENCE LAST FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT INSTITUTIONALIZED. ANGOLAN WARNINGS FOLLOWING PARIS-RABAT-KOLWEZI AIRLIFT AND ALGERIA'S ANXIETY OVER RESURGENCE OF HOSTILITY TOWARD IT SHOW CLEARLY THAT DESIRE TO CREATE ZONES OF TENSION IN AFRICA, FOSTER CLEAVAGES, AND EXACERBATE INTER-STATE CONTRADICTIONS IS ACCELERATING, THREATENING TO PRODUCE MULTIPLE 'VIETNAMS' IN AFRICA."

5. "PROGRESSIVE STATES OF AFRICA TODAY LIVE IN PRECARIOUS SITUATION.... BASICALLY, IT IS SOCIALISM AS A GESTURE OF EMANCIPATION THAT IS TARGET.... IMPERIALISM CANNOT HIDE ITS MAIN PREOCCUPATION IN AFRICA -- THAT OF BRACING OR DIVERTING WINDS OF CHANGE THAT HAVE BEEN BLOWING OVER CONTINENT SINCE DEFEAT OF EUROPEAN IMPERIALISM."

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6. FLN WEEKLY FRENCH ORGAN "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE"EXPOUNDS ON SAME THEMES IN EDITORIAL PRINTED IN MAY 4-10 ISSUE: "AFRICA IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CAMPS.... ON ONE SIDE THERE ARE 'HARDLINERS', AMONG WHOM ARE NUMBERED ... THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING TO GIVE INDEPENDENCE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REALITY.... ON OTHER SIDE ARE THOSE WHOM WESTERN EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS CALL 'MODERATES', I.E. AFRICAN LEADERS SINGULAR FOR THEIR SUBMISSION TO NEOCOLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM IN AFRICA."

7. "IN NORTH AFRICA, FRANCO-AMERICAN IMPERIALISM ENCOURAGED HASSAN II TO TAKE OVER WESTERN SAHARA AND SHARE IT WITH ANOTHER ACCOMPLICE, MAURITANIA.... BEYOND SAHARAN PEOPLE PROGRESSIVE ALGERIA AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE TARGETS.... IN CONGO CONFLICT, U.S. HAS FOR ONCE TAKEN BACK SEAT TO FRANCE, BUT NO ONE SHOULD BE FOOLED. WASHINGTON IS NOT ABANDONING ITS INFLUENCE IN CONTINENT. IT HAS JUST PASSED BUCK TO A SURE ALLY, FRANCE, SO AS NOT TO ENDANGER ATTEMPT TO NORMALIZE

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